

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	EAS.26
Historic Name:	Knowles, Thomas House
Common Name:	
Address:	2165 State Hwy
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	Eastham Center
Local No:	15-101
Year Constructed:	r 1890
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Victorian Eclectic
Use(s):	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Brick



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FORM B - BUILDING

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Town

Eastham

neighborhood or village)

2165 State Highway

Local Name

Present Residential

Original "

Construction Between 1880
and 1901

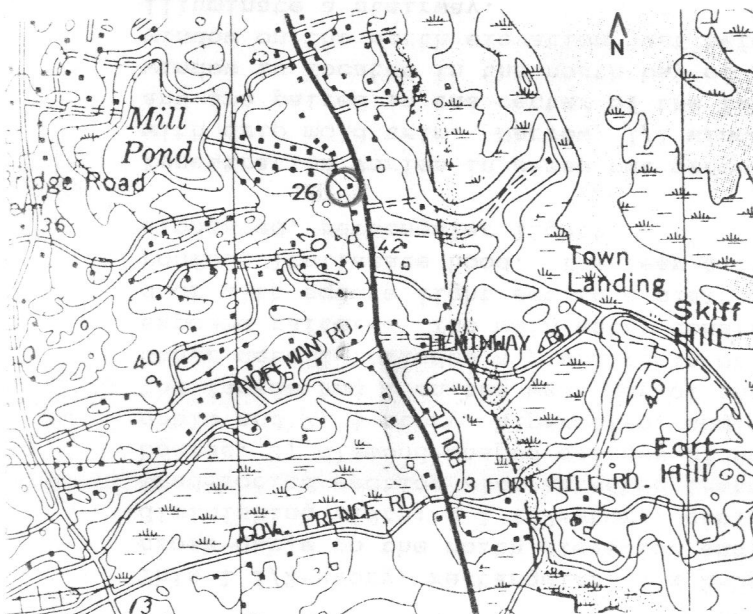
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Form Gable-end, Side-entry
Vernacular Dwelling

Architect/Builder



here. Indicate North.



Recorded by: Dianne L. Siergiej

Organization: Commonweal Collaborative

Date: June 1995

Exterior Material:

Foundation Brick
Wall/Trim Shingles
Roof Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
Free-standing Barn

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 3.55 Acres

Setting Located in a densely-settled,
mixed-use, but largely residential section
of Route 6, the major, Cape Cod,
inter-community thoroughfare, the former
county road and a continuation of the
original Old King's Highway.

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BUILDING FORM

2165 State Highway

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This 1 1/2-story, rectangular, 2 x 2-bay, gable-end, side-entry dwelling has a cross-gable on the north elevation and 2, longitudinally-aligned, rear ells of diminishing width: a 1 1/2-story, gable-roofed, section leads to a 1-story, shed-roofed section with attached 1-story shed. Wall detail includes end boards, 3, diamond-shaped designs of hexagonal-shaped shingles in the facade gable and 2, 1-story, hip-roofed, angled-prow bays: 1 in the north bay of the facade and 1 on the west bay of the south elevation of the main block. Other detail includes a plain fascia on the projecting eaves with no exposed rafters. The main entry consists of a period, wood panel, cottage door with square light set in a plain trim surround surmounted by a pyramidal-roofed, Italianate hood. The rear entry is a 4 panel, wooden door with elongated, rectangular lights.

Fenestration varies in size, but generally consists of 2/2 double-hung sash with drip mold trim. Narrow, 1/1 windows occupy the sides of each angled bay and are paired in the center of the facade gable. A smaller, narrow, 1/1 window is located in the north bay of the second floor. A fixed, flat, square window on the north elevation just before the cross gable appears to illuminate a stairway.

A 2-bay, shed-roofed dormer with small, square, 3/3, double-hung sash widows interrupts the south slope of the roof near the juncture of the cross gable. A rebuilt chimney stands near the ridge line on the opposite (north) slope of the roof. A second, tall chimney with corbeled cap also exists on the ridge of the rear ell.

A similarly-detailed, free-standing, 1 1/2-story, gable-roofed, shingled barn stands to the southwest of the dwelling. It has a sliding door and 2/2, double-hung sash with a 6/6, double-hung sash window over the door in the gable.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE X See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Research by Fred Heller of the Eastham Historical Society on file at the society archives traces this property to Thomas Knowles of Brockton. No other information about Thomas Knowles was located in secondary sources. According to information in the file, Emma Knowles of Brockton, guardian of his children: Wilmer Knowles, George Knowles and Frank Knowles, sold the property to George T. Dill at auction on January 18, 1889 (Bk. 183; Pg. 87). George T. Dill was the Town Clerk of Eastham in 1891. He sold to Herbert L. Knowles in 1894 (Bk. 214; Pg. 287).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES X See continuation sheet.

 Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Eastham

Area Form No. 26

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

Herbert L. Knowles (b. Eastham, July 22, 1855; d. August 15, 1904) is listed in the 1901 Directory as a poultry farmer. He married Caroline ("Carrie") K. Baker, daughter of Abigail (Knowles) Baker of Eastham and Abijah Baker of Orleans. She survived him and left the property in 1921 to their son, Arthur H. Knowles (d. December 19, 1943).

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